REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner King for the indication that Claims 18-30 are allowable. Claims 2-8 have been canceled.

This application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

As a final point, the Examiner's attention is directed to the Information

Disclosure Statement filed on February 21, 2003. It does not appear that an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 submitted with that Information Disclosure Statement has been returned to the undersigned's office. The Examiner is thus kindly asked to consider the documents cited in that Information Disclosure Statement and to acknowledge such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of form PTO-1449 submitted with the February 21, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement.

To assist the Examiner, attached is another copy of that Information Disclosure Statement.

In addition, in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on November 5, 2001, the Examiner's attention was directed to two copending applications -- U.S. Application No. 09/824,131 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,377,885) and U.S. Application No. 09/824,835 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,729,697). It is understood from the comments at the top of page two of the October 8, 2002 Official Action that those two applications have been considered.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful

in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following two documents were cited in an Official Letter recently issued by the German Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Official Letter is enclosed. An English-language translation of the Official Letter is also enclosed.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. 199 36 786. An English-language abstract of this document is attached.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. 197 19 466. An English-language abstract of this document is attached. A copy of corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,070,952 is also enclosed.

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It is noted that the Official Action issued by the German Patent Office also makes

reference to German Offenlegungsschrift No. 43 21 571. This document corresponds to

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 06-016117 cited in the Information Disclosure

Statement filed on August 3, 2001. Thus, a copy of this document is not being provided.

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information

Disclosure Statement was cited for the first time in a communication from any foreign

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filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the

above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the

documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to

acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional

copy of form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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